



IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: BRAVEN, Helen, KEAY, Russell,  
and FLOWER, Stephen

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED 07/13/2007

CASE: ATLAS 9452 US

SERIAL NO.: 10/562,290

FILED ON: 06/20/2006

FOR: Protease Detection Assay

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

EXAMINER: Martin, P.C.  
ART UNIT: 1657

Dear Sir:

This is a request for an extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement mailed on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2007. Applicant hereby request the Commissioner a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement thereby allowing Applicants until 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2007 to respond.

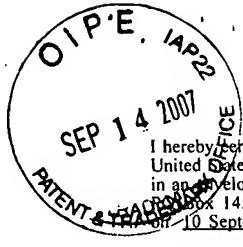
Applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194 in the sum of \$120, being the fee for a (1) one-month extension of time to respond to the instant Communication.

If the Commissioner finds any additional charges or fees must be paid in connection with this communication, they may be paid out of Bell & Associates Deposit Account No. 50-3194.  
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007



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20<sup>th</sup> June, 2006

Examiner: MARTIN, Paul C.

Group Art Unit: 1657

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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2007, in the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1)-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Communication, dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2007, such extension allowing the undersigned until September 13, 2007 to respond.

Claims 19-36 were originally filed. In the Requirement for Restriction, the Examiner requested Applicant to elect claims corresponding to one of the following inventions:

Group I	Claims 19-31	drawn to a method for detecting protease activity.
Group II	Claim 32	drawn to a protease assay kit.
Group III	Claim 33	drawn to an apparatus for detecting protease activity.
Group IV	Claims 34-36	drawn to a compound comprising a metallocenyl group.

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In response to the Requirement for Restriction, Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 19-31).

Please charge Deposit Account No. **50-3194** in the amount of **\$120.00** as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter. However, if the USPTO determines that an additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Bell & Associates' Deposit Account No. **50-3194**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10 September 2007



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